

Ms. Hotaling founded the organization Stand Against Global Exploitation (SAGE). SAGE is devoted to helping women and men who have suffered rape, sexual assault, molestation or violence in the difficult transition from victim to survivor. As her organization has said, "Norma [is] determined to make it easier for other women, men and youth who wanted to leave the sex trade and addiction behind, and find their way from the harsh effects of sexual exploitation to restored wellness, confidence, vocation, and overall wholeness."

Through peer counselling—often by survivors—SAGE not only provides psychological and social services to prostitutes and those exiting prostitution, but also empowers the women once they have left the streets. Ms. Hotaling's efforts show that therapy should not be thought of as a luxury for the wealthy: everyone should be able to get psychological services.

Norma Hotaling is a trailblazer. She encourages psychologists around the country to work with their local law enforcement offices to help women and children exploited by prostitution. She founded San Francisco's internationally recognized "john school" in which arrested clients confront the reality of prostitution. Her outreach programs in jails and on the street raise awareness among at-risk populations about how commercial sexual exploitation can lead to addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Sadly, Ms. Hotaling is now in an even graver fight—the fight against cancer. We wish her comfort, and all the best. She is supported in her fight by thousands of people whose lives she has touched. Norma Hotaling's life is an inspiration, and her example will continue to inform our own fight against modern slavery and exploitation.

NICK LAMPSON DELIVERS HIS
FAREWELL ADDRESS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, it has been an honor to serve with you these past 2 years in the 110th Congress. It's been an honor to serve the 22d Congressional District of Texas.

I'm grateful for the assistance I received from my friends in the leadership: Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Chairman VAN HOLLEN and the man who convinced me to run again in 2006, my friend, RAHM EMANUEL.

I'm grateful for the work of my fellow Blue Dogs; those who helped me fight for NASA, rebuild after Hurricane Ike, protect our children, and restore civility and esteem to Congress.

Hopefully before I leave today I will be able to thank each of you individually but while I have the opportunity I'd like to express my gratitude for everything you all have done.

To my family who I love very much, thank you for standing by me, thank you for sacrificing, and thank you for supporting me; you gave me strength to serve and helped carry me through the good times and the bad. My daughters Stephanie Lampson Gertz and Hilary Lampson Shanning, and their husbands

Ryan and Mark. My beautiful grandchildren who bring me so much pride and joy: Nicholas, Joseph, Olivia, Caroline, and Julianna, who will be born any day.

And especially my wife of 37 years, Susan, who has loved me and sacrificed for her country by allowing me to spend weeks and months away from home to serve. She is a talented teacher, a loving mother, a strong wife, and a tender grandmother. I am blessed to have her love and support.

Finally, I'd like to thank my staff who worked long days and long nights, weekdays and weekends, and literally did the impossible. Carl Beard, John Boerstler, Carrie Chess, Dan Easley, Erin Fyfe, Rick Guerrero, Kathy Guillory, Georgia Leigh Hearn, Jon Heins, Suzanne Jordan, Trevor Kincaid, Chris Matthiesen, Alastair Rami, Tony Samp, Abby Shannon, Mini Timmaraju, Brittani Williams, Nicholas Williams, and Adeel Zeb; your hard work, dedication, and talents never failed me and are the reason we succeeded beyond the most optimistic expectations. Thank you.

Many of you were with me about this time 2 years when we sent a message that partisan politics and corruption were a thing of the past. That was a great day. In a similar speech on this House floor not too long ago, another outgoing Member called for more partisanship and less compromise. I have been here to emphatically support the opposite message. I stand before you as proof that bipartisanship and working together can and has worked and will work again, if you let it.

Since then, we have made terrific progress to restore ethics, compromise, civility, and hope to Congress and government. There is a tsunami of change and hope that has swept across this country and it all started when a modest, dedicated Texas Congressman brought down "The Hammer."

My journey will end today but the movement we started will continue.

Our movement to change the culture in Washington has made great progress but the road is long and many challenges lie ahead.

There are many Republicans and Democrats who have taken up the charge and will see it through to the end. It is a movement that will allow America to move beyond the corruption and political divide that has plagued us for too long. We are now in a time of challenge, but a period of hope.

The arc of change is slow, but it bends toward justice.

That was the observation of Dr. Martin Luther King many decades ago when this country was being tried by a different type of division. Together, we overcame and today we are closer to changing the culture of this Congress than we were yesterday and I have full faith that tomorrow we will be closer than we are today.

We remember the past.

We live in the present.

And we plan for the future.

It has been an honor to serve these past 2 years. However, it is time to start looking to tomorrow.

Scripture tells us, "Joy cometh in the morning."

Tomorrow will be a better day in America and the day after that and the day after that.

America's course has been charted on a timeline of achievement. We are a nation that when presented with obstacles says, "yes we can."

We are a country built on a foundation of equality, justice, and liberty.

We are a nation that when in the darkest days of depression stood and went to work.

We are a people that when confronted with sickness affecting millions, didn't give up; we found the cure.

We are a society that was presented with an impossible challenge, and less than a decade later watched as an American flag was planted on the Moon.

We will face more challenges, we will come to walls seemingly too high to scale, and people will say, "you can't." But, together we will say "yes we can" and we will.

We will again walk on the Moon; only to go further.

We will find the cures to the illnesses of our generation.

We will roll up our sleeves and solve the energy puzzle.

We will fight poverty with compassion.

And we will combat despair with hope.

America's best days are still to come.

I thank you for the privilege to serve you and I thank you for everything you have done for my family and for me.

God bless you and may God bless America.

IN HONOR OF COSMO INSALACO,
FORMER FRESNO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a past Agricultural Commissioner of Fresno County, a valued voice for agriculture in Fresno County. On Monday, November 10th, 2008, Cosmo Insalaco passed away from a sudden illness at the age of 72.

Agriculture continues to be California's number one industry with Fresno County ranking as the number one agricultural producing county in California. The fertile soils of Fresno County support over 300 different crops, valued at 5 billion annually to the economy of California. Much has contributed to these bountiful crops, but a significant factor in Fresno County's agricultural success in the 1980s and 1990s was the presence of Cosmo Insalaco as its lead advocate.

Mr. Insalaco was no stranger to agriculture. Raised on a family farm in Watterton, Massachusetts, Cosmo later attended the University of Massachusetts, where he earned a degree in Horticulture. He continued his studies in Public Administration in the California school system before entering the Air Force.

Prior to becoming Fresno County's Agricultural Commissioner, Mr. Insalaco served as Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in Santa Clara County, and as an Assistant Agricultural Commissioner for San Mateo County. While in Fresno County, Cosmo served as vice-president of Agribusiness in the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce. He was on the board of Directors of the California Agricultural Commissioners' and Sealers' Association. Always active in the community, Mr. Insalaco continued to return to Fresno each year to judge at the Big Fresno Fair in the agriculture building.

Mr. Insalaco received much praise over the years for his leadership. The crop disasters of

the 1990 and 1998 freezes were challenges he rose to meet. His tenure as commissioner saw major changes in technology and regulation unfold. While known for his strict oversight, Cosmo was also noted by one grower to be "... the most cordial and professional ... person they had ever met. Contemporaries and employees alike commended Mr. Insalaco for his friendship and his mentorship. Probably most noteworthy was reference to Cosmo Insalaco's vision. Mr. Insalaco was an ardent promoter of education concerning agriculture. Cosmo helped launch the Blossom Trail, a self-guided tour of the fruit and nut blossoms throughout Fresno County during bloom time. Over the years, this annual event has grown and now draws tourists from all over the region and state. This tradition will continue to bear witness to Cosmo Insalaco's influence in the Fresno region.

It is most fitting now to honor this man for his life and his dedication to friends, colleagues and especially agriculture. I urge my colleagues to join me now in celebrating this truly innovative man's life, accomplishments and to extend his family our thoughts. He will be, beyond a doubt, missed.

HONORING CHARLES HENRY RIDER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Henry Rider of Kansas City, Missouri. Charles is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Charles has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Henry Rider for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF DR. R. WALTER "WHIRLWIND" JOHNSON

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker I am honored to rise today to recognize the distinguished career and achievements of Dr. R. Walter "Whirlwind" Johnson, one of many unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Era. We also recognize him for his role in guiding the early careers of Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe—the nation's first African American tennis champions.

Dr. Johnson built a tennis court in the backyard of his Lynchburg, Virginia home during a

time of racial segregation and spent more than 20 years (1950–71) training African American athletes who would go on to compete against top players at major junior events. Dr. Johnson primarily used his own funds to house, clothe, feed, and develop these junior players, including Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe, who said repeatedly throughout their lives that they never would have made it without Dr. Johnson's generosity and support.

Dr. Johnson inspired, directly and indirectly, many of his students to pursue tennis-related careers, including Willis Thomas, president of the American Tennis Association (ATA) and tennis director with the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation (WTEF) in Washington, DC; former pro Leslie Allen, ex-chairwoman of the U.S. Fed Cup Team; former pro Zina Garrison, former U.S. Fed Cup captain; former pro Rodney Harmon, former head of men's tennis for the United States Tennis Association (USTA); teaching pros Arthur Carrington and Bob Davis; United States Federal Judge Henry H. Kennedy, Jr.; and Doug Smith, who covered tennis for 3 of the nation's largest newspapers—Newsday, the New York Post, and USA Today and is the author of Dr. Johnson's biography, "Whirlwind, The Godfather of Black Tennis."

Dr. Johnson most significantly helped tear down racial barriers in tennis years ago and helped Americans understand that tennis should be enjoyed by all who play and love the game. Dr. Johnson also served as head football coach at 2 Georgia universities—Morris Brown University and Atlanta University—in the late 1920s. He later established a junior development tennis program to train and prepare African American players, including Arthur Ashe, to compete in the United States Lawn Tennis Association (USLTA) sanctioned tournaments. Whirlwind's junior program was a prelude to the high-tech junior training academies and camps now run by tennis gurus Nick Bollettieri, Rick Macci and former No. 1 World Champion Chris Evert. Dr. Johnson operated the camp for more than 20 years and helped more than 100 African American juniors earn college tennis scholarships during that era.

Madam Speaker, we should continue to honor American heroes like Dr. R. Walter "Whirlwind" Johnson who fought for a better America without race barriers on and off the court. America and the game of tennis have both benefited an enormous amount because of Dr. R. Walter "Whirlwind," Johnson and we as a Nation owe him and other American heroes a tremendous amount of gratitude.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM JOHNSON

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. William Johnson of St. Joseph, Michigan. An accomplished businessman and community leader, Bill Johnson is retiring from the board of directors of Lakeland Health Care after more than 33 years of service.

During that time he has led Lakeland through a period of phenomenal growth, with

the construction of new facilities, the addition of state-of-the-art equipment, and many awards for quality health care. Beginning back in 1975, Bill Johnson has used his leadership and team building skills to implement hospital mergers, build model care programs, and develop world-class community health initiatives. Since 1993, Bill Johnson has served as the chairman of the Lakeland Health Care Board, and he leaves a legacy that will shape health care in southwest Michigan for years to come.

Bill Johnson was born in Lincoln, Illinois, and graduated from the University of Illinois. He served his country as a first lieutenant and company commander in the United States Army.

Following that service to his country, he became an innovative and respected business leader. He was president of Heath Company, vice president of strategic alliances for Zenith Data Systems, and even after his retirement, he came back as chief operating officer for Gast Manufacturing Corporation.

He brought his business experience and entrepreneurial flair to Lakeland Health Care and to a number of other community organizations. And while Bill Johnson formally steps down as the chairman of the board, we all know he will continue to be involved in the community he loves. He and his wife Patt and family are true cornerstones of our corner of Michigan.

KURDISTAN IS MODEL FOR IRAQ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following op-ed published in The Wall Street Journal on November 12, 2008, by Masoud Barzani, President of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. It conveys the strong and important relationship between the Iraqi Kurdish population and the United States as well as their efforts to help build a peaceful Iraq. I was fortunate this year to visit the Kurdistan Region, and I know firsthand of Kurdish appreciation of the American people.

[From the Wall Street Journal, November 12, 2008]

KURDISTAN IS A MODEL FOR IRAQ—OUR PATH TO A SECULAR, FEDERAL DEMOCRACY IS INSPIRED BY THE U.S.

(By Masoud Barzani)

Iraq's Kurds have consistently been America's closest allies in Iraq. Our Peshmerga forces fought alongside the U.S. military to liberate the country, suffering more casualties than any other U.S. ally.

And while some Iraqi politicians have challenged the U.S.-Iraq security agreement, Iraq's Kurdish leaders have endorsed the pact as essential for U.S. combat troops to continue fighting terrorists in Iraq.

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) is committed to a federal, democratic Iraq that is at peace with its neighbors.

We have benefited enormously from the service and sacrifices of America's armed forces and their families, and we are deeply grateful. We are also proud to have shared in such sacrifices; my brother was among those severely wounded during the liberation of Iraq.

Last year, following a U.S. request, we deployed Kurdish troops to Baghdad. These